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Dear Ms. Hesse:

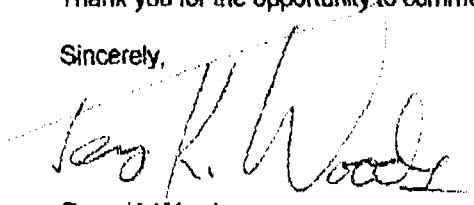
The Attorney General of North Carolina, Roy Cooper, recently signed off on the proposed agreement in the long-running federal antitrust case against Microsoft Corporation. While I shed no tears for Microsoft, I do agree with Attorney General Cooper that this is a balanced settlement and that the federal courts should approve it.

Microsoft will be required under the settlement to abide by a stringent set of controls over its business practices. Its performance will be subject to review by an independent outside committee equipped with the necessary technical expertise and resources.

It is much better at this point, after this case has gone on for years in the courts, to reach a settlement that enables the information technology industry to focus on meeting the needs of customers. At this uncertain time for our national economy, ending the litigation would be a positive step forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,



Perry K. Woods